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TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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TAGS: MASS, MILI, US, KE

SUBJECT: U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO KENYA

REF: NAIROBI 8846

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

1. WHILE I CAN APPRECIATE YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION MULTI-YEAR PACKAGE, REGRETTABLY, USG IS NOT IN POSITION TO EXAMINE LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS FOR FMS CREDIT EVEN WITH CAVEAT ON CONGRESSIONAL WILLINGNESS TO APPROPRIATE NECESSARY FUNDS. FMS CREDIT IS CONSIDERED ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. DECISION IS MADE FIRST ON EQUIPMENT PACKAGE TO BE OFFERED, THEN FINANCING DETAILS ARE WORKED
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2. ADDITIONAL PROBLEM IS INCREASING PRESSURE TO LIMIT AMOUNT OF FMS CREDIT AVAILABLE WORLD-WIDE. THIS IS MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT OBTAIN LARGE AMOUNT CREDIT FOR ANY SINGLE COUNTRY UNLESS UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST. IT IS ALSO MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT TO PLAN, EVEN TENTATIVELY, FOR MORE THAN ONE OR TWO YEARS IN ADVANCE.

3. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON OFFER WHICH HOPEFULLY WOULD MEET SOME OF KENYA'S EXPRESSED NEEDS MILITARILY, WHICH COULD BE PROMPTLY FULFILLED AND WHICH GOK COULD FINANCIALLY SUPPORT. USG ABILITY TO ASSIST FINANCIALLY IS LIMITED BY COMPETING DEMANDS FOR FMS CREDIT, FACT THAT FMS CREDIT CANNOT BE OFFERED ON CONCESSIONARY TERMS AND FACT IT HIGHLY DOUBTFUL GOK WOULD BE MADE ELIGIBLE FOR GRANT MATERIEL. (ONLY 31 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE CAN RECEIVE GRANT MATERIEL; FACT THAT THERE ARE INCREASING PRESSURES FOR PHASING OUT GRANT MATERIEL OVER NEXT TWO TO THREE YEARS MAKES LIKELIHOOD KENYA'S BEING DESIGNATED AS COUNTRY RECEIVING SUCH AID VERY SMALL.) KISSINGER

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